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In re Application of:

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Examiner: KEEHAN, Christopher M

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Title: LENS WITH STAIN RESISTANT SURFACE LAYER

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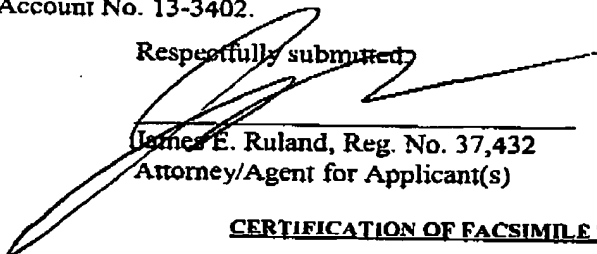
Sir:

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's Notice of Allowability mailed 17 May 2005.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art of record does not teach or suggest a surface layer comprising a hydrolysis-condensation product of a perfluoropolyether modified silane as claimed formed by vacuum-depositing.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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